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I am a concerned citizen who is among the “affected public” regarding the Mariner East pipeline. I strongly support more stringent regulations on future pipeline projects.

As I read the transcripts from the most recent Chester County Pipeline Safety Advisory Board meeting, it is quite apparent that discussions and planning veer toward recovery NOT rescue. Knowing this, how can the PUC consider making it easier for the pipeline industry to take short cuts? Less than a mile and a half from my home, at least 18 sinkholes opened up next to active HGL lines, how can additional pipelines be permitted to run through the middle of neighborhoods?

In my community, we always ask, “How will we know if there is a leak?”. With no odorant and no practical way of notifying the public, how will we even know when to start running a half a mile? What about those who cannot walk, much less run? The PUC has a responsibility to enact changes that eliminate these huge concerns.

With failures such as Energy Transfer had with the Revolution Pipeline rupturing due to subsidence just days after going into operation, it is clear that there is a need for much more stringent requirements.

The pipeline industry has no financial obligations for death or damage in the event of an explosion. Of course they are pushing for the status quo or worse yet, eased restrictions. What do they have to lose?

What do citizens of Pennsylvania have to lose in the event of a failure? They stand to lose EVERYTHING.

I implore the Pennsylvania Utility Commission to protect the public by enacting additional safety standards on future pipelines.

Thank you,
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